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TAGS: PDIP PN US CI

SUBJECT: CHILEAN INITIAL REACTION TO PANAMA CANAL TREATY SIGNING  
CEREMONY

REF: STATE 198648

1. PRESIDENT PINOCHET AND SENIOR MINISTERS OUT OF SANTIAGO FOR  
WEEKEND. ACCORDINGLY NO POLICY LEVEL RESPONSE POSSIBLE UNTIL  
EARLY NEXT WEEK.

2. WORKING LEVELS IN CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTRY NOT VERY RECEPTIVE  
TO IDEA. FOREIGN MINISTERS OF PERU, ECUADOR AND CHILE (WHO NOW  
MEETING AT SANTIAGO IN COMMEMORATION OF 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
JOINT DECLARATION ASSERTING 200 MILE MARITIME ZONE) REPORTEDLY  
HAVE DISCUSSED PANAMA CANAL ISSUE. IN BILATERAL TALKS, ECUADOREAN  
ALLEGEDLY SHOT DOWN CHILEAN DRAFT AT PERU/CHILE/ECUADOR CONGRAT-  
ULATORY MESSAGE TO PANAMA AND US. FOREIGN MINISTERS FEAR TOLLS  
WILL GO UP SHARPLY UNDER NEW TREATY. THEY WANT COMMITMENT ON TOLL  
QUESTION BEFORE WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORTING TREATY.

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3. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS ALSO EXPRESSED OPINION THAT  
PINOCHET (AND, PRESUMABLY, OTHER CHIEFS OF STATE) WILL BE  
RELUCTANT TO MAKE PILGRIMAGE TO WASHINGTON TO PARTICIPATE IN  
PUBLIC RELATIONS EVENT "LIKE BUNCH OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S CABINET  
MINISTERS."

4. NOTWITHSTANDING THESE PRELIMINARY REACTIONS, WE ANTICIPATE  
CONSIDERABLE CAUCUSING AMONG LA'S AT SENIOR LEVELS. PRESIDENT  
PINOCHE'S POSSIBLE ATTENDANCE AT A SIGNING CEREMONY WILL DEPEND  
UPON REACTIONS IN NEARBY CAPITALS: SHOULD ARGENTINA AND BRASIL  
(OR ALL THE OTHER WEST COAST COUNTRIES) GO ALONG, SO WOULD CHILE.  
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